

Labour's organization blamed by local parties for poll defeat

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Neglect in Labour's central organization, rather than its manifesto, seems certain to receive the chief blame for the party's election defeat when the annual conference conducts a full inquiry in the autumn. Most of the 60 resolutions analysing the defeat contained in the preliminary agenda for the conference, published yesterday, exonerate the policies, but indict their presentation and the clear disagreements among party leaders over many of them.

TUC split on Cabinet boycott

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A crisis of policy on relations between the labour movement and the Government is clear in the agenda of the TUC conference, published today. Moderate union leaders are urging an increase in contacts with Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet, but left-wingers want a continuing boycott of talks with ministers on the controversial issue of industrial relations law reform.

Union	Affiliated vote	Position
Transport workers	1,250,000	Conference decision for Kinrock; no decision on deputy
Engineering workers	850,000	Executive decision; Kinrock leader, Hattersley deputy
General and boilermakers	720,000	Consulting branches
Public Employees (Naps)	600,000	Executive recommends Kinrock; Meacher in branch vote
Shipworkers	418,000	Kinrock for leader
Mineworkers	286,000	Branch vote; Kinrock certain, Meacher likely
Construction workers	200,000	Delegation to decide; Kinrock likely
Postal workers (UCW)	194,000	Executive decision for Kinrock
Electricians	180,000	Executive decision not to participate in poll
Railwaymen	170,000	Conference decision for Kinrock
Scientific and Technical (ASTMS)	147,000	Executive for Kinrock; branch consultation
Health workers (Cohese)	135,000	Branch consultation, no recommendation

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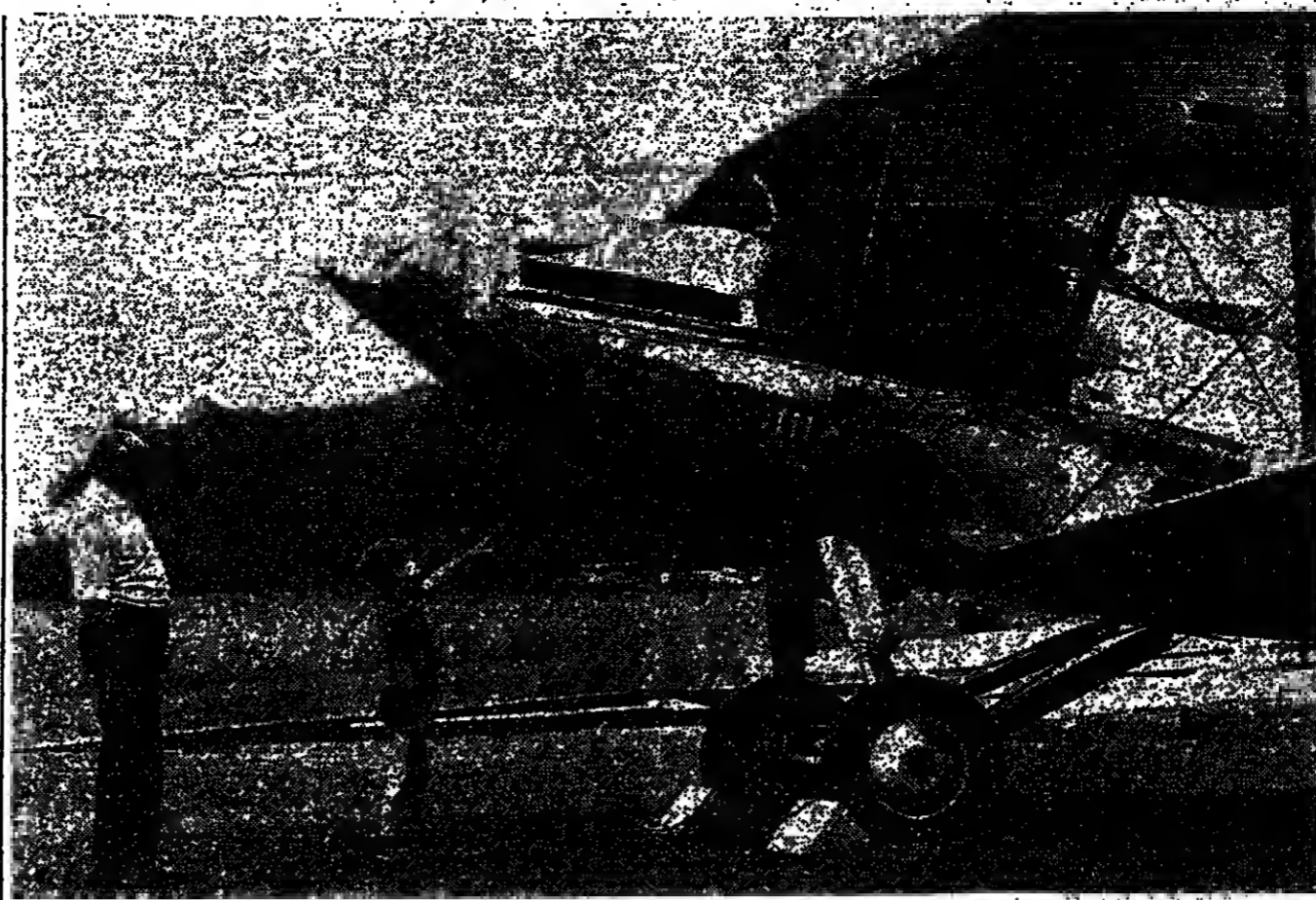
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Flight of fancy: Colin Dyer, aged seven, from Thurston, Suffolk, and his grandfather, Mr Jim Howard, admiring a Hawker Hind given by the Royal Air Force in the early 1970s to the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. The aircraft, which was brought overland to England and took seven years to restore, was part of yesterday's Military Air Pageant at Old Warden.

Protest fast for Welsh language

From Tim Jones Llangefni

Members of the Welsh Language Society will start a week-long fast on the National Eisteddfod field at Llangefni, Gwynedd, today as part of a campaign for an official body to oversee the universal teaching of the tongue in Wales.

FT talks continue as union suspension nears

By Our Labour Editor

Informal contacts aimed at resuming peace talks at the strikehead *Financial Times* took place yesterday as the TUC prepared to suspend the National Graphical Association for rejecting a mediator's award.

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Liberal leader's health Friends say Steel is improving

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Heineken cannot reach pubs others can refresh

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The lager advertised as refreshing the parts other beers cannot reach is no longer getting to some managed public houses in the South-east owned by Whitbread.

Irish cleric's dream for airport stalls

By Richard Ford

On a boggy plateau 650ft above the sea, the second miracle of Knock is approaching a crucial period in its development.



Believes the village can become as popular as Lourdes as a pilgrimage for the faithful and that an airport near by will help their progress.

Priests seek inquiry into shooting

From a Staff Reporter Belfast

Five priests called yesterday for an independent inquiry into the death of a Roman Catholic youth, the sixth unarmed person to be killed in co Armagh by security forces since last November.

Motor cycle cooperative to be wound up

From Our Correspondent Coventry

A liquidator is being called in by the Triumph motor-cycle workers' cooperative near Coventry to wind-up the eight-year-old company.

Rider killed

Dr Patricia Grant, aged 30, of Fintry, Stirlingshire, died in hospital on Saturday after being thrown as she competed in the Annick Horse Trials at Irvine, in Ayrshire.

Hunting ban

Staffordshire County Council is to ban hunting on its land. The chairman of the county farms committee, Mr Eric Roberts, described hunting as barbaric.

Hundreds of Britons may get transfers

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government's intention to seek agreement with other countries on the transfer of prisoners held abroad was welcomed yesterday.

Mr John Du Cane, his father who is holidaying in Brittany, said: "This is very good news for all British prisoners abroad. I hope the British Government will be able to move soon to initiate a bilateral agreement with Thailand."

Publicity drive 'needed for Telecom sale'

By Bill Johnstone Electronics Correspondent

The Government is convinced that a big advertising and publicity campaign, possibly on television, radio and in newspapers, will be necessary to launch successfully the sale of shares in British Telecom to telephone subscribers.

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Resorts feel the pinch as holidaymakers desert Britain despite heatwave

By David Hewson

The tourist boom promised by Britain's midsummer heatwave has failed to arrive in most parts of the country. Even with temperatures at British resorts higher than those at some of their competitors in the Mediterranean, many Britons are continuing to buy foreign package holidays in preference to domestic ones.

The package holiday industry which had been expecting its market to fall slightly this year now believes that it will grow by about 2 per cent in a state of late bookings. According to the British Market Research Bureau Spain, Portugal and France are particularly popular, with Greece, where bookings have fallen 10 per cent, the only blackspot.

In marked contrast, at home some hoteliers have started to offer heavy discounts on weekend breaks during the next few weeks, and many have criticized claims by the English Tourist Board that the domestic holiday industry is heading for a boom year.

Mr Ian Bell, chairman of the board of management of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers' Association, and a hotelier in Dyfed, said: "The claims are completely untrue, certainly in Wales, and it would seem, in most parts of the United Kingdom, with the exception of London."

"We are nicely full at the moment but there is a lot of space in August. Generally, business overall is not as good as last year."

Mrs M. B. Millican, a Buxton hotelier and chairman of the association's northern division,

said the big resorts like Blackpool and Morecambe were benefiting from the good weather, but smaller seaside towns and inland resorts were less well off.

"Advance bookings are certainly not heavy, and while they may pick up if the good weather continues, talk of a boom this year is premature."

In Torquay, Mr Jonathan Hassel, chairman of the association's South-west division, said "the weather had brought extra visitors to Devon and Cornwall but not in great numbers. The upturn has given us a degree of confidence that the situation will be better than it appeared earlier in the summer."

One bright spot has been the return of large numbers of big-spending United States holidaymakers to popular tourist areas.

Mr Osmond Edwards, director of the Feathers Hotel at Ludlow, Shropshire, a popular area with visitors from the United States because of the region's Shakespearean connections, said: "Americans have been tending to give Britain a miss in recent times, but thankfully they are now returning in large numbers, largely because of the favourable exchange rates."

But other areas, notably Wales and the South Coast, which were popular with French tourists, have seen their Gallie trade virtually wiped out by the Government's foreign exchange controls.

The disappointing business has led to the extension into the summer months of bargain-break holidays, which were once

Woman is top in battle training

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

A woman has come top of a course training young army officers in battlefield skills such as laying minefields, erecting bridges across rivers and demolition work.

After taking some leave she will be posted to Waterbeach in Cambridgeshire to become the second woman to command a troop of 35 to 40 men of the Corps of Royal Engineers. Later this year the squadron of which her troop is part will go to the Falkland Islands and she assumes she will go with them.

She is Lieutenant Jan Harper, aged 25, from Northampton. The course she had completed lasts seven months and is for young officers at the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatterden Barracks, near Rochester, Kent.

She was the only woman among 21 officers on the course which provides training in the technical and command skills needed to lead a troop of Royal Engineers.

Men come to the course after about seven months at Sandhurst; Lieutenant Harper had only nine weeks' basic training with the Women's Royal Army Corps (WRAC) at Camberley, Surrey, and a short posting in West Germany. She nevertheless has considerable military experience, having been a member of the Officer Training Corps while at Leeds University and a member of the Territorial Army. She had technical knowledge being the only member of the course who was a graduate civil engineer.

She is a considerable athlete, having represented the WRAC at tennis and hockey, and played hockey alongside men in her regimental team.

She says she had wanted to join the Army when she graduated in 1979 but at that stage the Royal Engineers were not taking women. She worked as a construction



Lieutenant Jan Harper tackling the assault course (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

engineer at Birmingham Airport until she learnt that the Royal Engineers were accepting women.

Technically she was commissioned in the WRAC but she was accepted on the basis that she would be employed permanently with the Royal Engineers.

Although the Royal Engineers employ other WRAC officers, for example as assistant adjutants, Lieutenant Harper is only the second to be recruited on the basis of

Plea to tourists in hunt for killer of Caroline Hogg

From Our Correspondent, Glasgow

Police hunting the killer of Caroline Hogg, aged five, say that tourists sitting on the Promenade at Portobello, Edinburgh, the night she disappeared may have crucial information.

The Assistant Chief Constable of Northumbria, Mr Hector Clark, who is leading the hunt, appealed to everyone who was on the Promenade between 7 pm and 7.15 pm on July 8 to come forward. An estimated 2,000 people were sitting on benches or strolling about, but only a third of them have made statements.

Mr Clark, who said that he now had information that the girl was playing alone in a swing park near her home, asked even those who felt they had no information to come forward.

"About 12 benches are situated in front of the swing park and all of those were occupied. We want to speak to everyone there, whether they saw anything or not."

The swing park is near the funfair, Fun City, where the

Sheep-killing Beast of Exmoor still at large

By Craig Seton

The Beast of Exmoor is alive and still killing. Reports that Royal Marines marksmen had fatally wounded the large dog that has slaughtered more than 100 sheep in North Devon and Somerset this year were thought by police to be wishful thinking.

The dog has killed sheep on Exmoor in the past week.

Supt Doug McClary said yesterday: "We still feel we are looking for the same animal, but the operation has been scaled down, because we feel we will have a better chance of identifying it or killing it in the



David Niven killed by muscle wasting disease

By Our Medical Correspondent

David Niven died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, one of the motor neurone diseases, a group of disorders where progressive muscle wasting follows degeneration in certain tracts in the brain and spinal cord.

As the disease progresses, distinction between one member of the group and another becomes merely academic, but in the actor's case the muscles involved in chewing, swallowing and talking were affected early and severely so that the disease might be further classified as a duchenne paralysis or progressive bulbar palsy.

Mr Niven was rather older than most patients as when the disease usually starts. It usually strikes at about the age of 50, men being more often affected than women.

BR 'No' on first-class day return

By Our Transport Editor

British Rail is refusing to bring back the first-class day-return fare, despite evidence that passengers are deserting in droves.

The fare was dropped in May in the hope that the 700,000 passengers a year buying them would be forced to switch to ordinary first-class tickets, providing an extra £3m to £4m in revenue. Instead, many passengers have either moved down to second class, or simply gone by car.

The rail user watchdog body, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, said at the weekend: "We have had a very strong reaction from the public over this. In some cases the fare has nearly doubled, and people are just refusing to pay."

Apparently, the move arose in Southern Region which handled over half the total first-class day returns. As about 85 per cent were classed as business travellers, it was thought they would pay the full fare if they had to, but British Rail felt it could not abolish the ticket in one region only, so on May 22 it disappeared from the system. Since then the Western and Scottish regions, concerned about the loss of passengers, have reintroduced forms of first-class day returns.

Actor plans comeback

Mr Peter Adamson said yesterday that he expected to return to his role as Len Fairclough in Coronation Street in September or October.

Mr Adamson, aged 53, made the prediction at a home exhibition in Nottingham, his first public appearance since being cleared of indecently assaulting two girls.

After an enthusiastic reception from crowds as he signed autographs, he said: "I am back

on the pay roll now and I think they expect me to earn my bread and butter."

Granada Television said yesterday it had some contractual matters to discuss with Mr Adamson.

In yesterday's *News of the World*, Mr Adamson said he had at first wanted to plead guilty to the charges of indecent assault, to spare the alleged victims the ordeal of giving evidence.

Microlights upset Whittle jet villages

From Arthur Osman, Lutterworth

More than 40 years ago, villagers in south Leicestershire became the first in the world to hear the shattering noise of Sir Frank Whittle's secret jet engine. He and his team were based at Lutterworth, perfecting its performance.

According to a report in *The Times* in January, 1944, when news of the jet-propelled aircraft was released from "Midland town", it was said, with some understatement, that there had been complaints about noise from local people.

Today, without wartime restrictions, a new generation of villagers is raising an enormous roar about a midjet offspring of the six, the microlight aircraft. These have been described by critics as having the irritant value of a "flying lawnmower."

On August 16, Harborough district council's planning committee will rule on an application by Leicestershire Microlight Aircraft Club, which has 70 members and 20 aircraft, each of which weighs about 330lb and travels at 35 to 40mph. The club wants to centralize flying in the county, and wants to turn a field at Frousworth into an airstrip.

It was claimed by the club at the weekend that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) welcomed such centralization so that effective checks could be made, and to help to avoid any possible conflict with civil or military aircraft. Villages for several miles around have joined the south Leicestershire action group based at Frousworth in vigorously opposing the plan.

They say the airstrip ad-

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This year's Booker Prize judges will be spending much of what remains of the summer reading through publishers' offices for what is still Britain's most newsworthy literary award.

Last year The Bookmaker persuaded Martyn Goff of the National Book League, which administers the Booker, to slip them the complete list of titles submitted and it is to be assumed that the same will happen this year.

At the judges' first meeting, Libby Purves said she hoped that they would not feel obliged to give the £10,000 to some feminist tract.

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Opera: John Higgins reviews Siegfried at Bayreuth

British fidelity to Wagner's instructions

In an age much concerned with musical authenticity, whether of scores or instruments, why should there not be an equal reverence for original stage directions? That is the question clearly posed by the Hall-Dudley Ring after its third evening at Bayreuth.

Father's pretenses are in a darker part of the forest, but they do come with a private watering hole and there is every reason for the dragon to feel irritated when Siegfried starts paddling in it.

new crop of actor-singers, was the clear star. In Act II Jung allowed a little more of Siegfried to show through, the uncontrolled adolescent who grows up by the all-too-human way of killing (Fafner and Mime), listening (to the Woodbird) and finally loving (Brunnhilde).

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Peter Haage's Mime: clearly the star

A Married Man (Channel 4) has carried some of the longest conversations ever televised, in the time it took Clare Strickland, miraculously clean from the grave, to discuss God and socialism both of them died.

Television Marital problems

Festivals Operatic trailer

Kate Kelly's Road Show

Edward Cowie's opera Kelly is due at Covent Garden in 1986. It has already produced a number of pre-spin-offs, of which the most substantial, Kate Kelly's Road Show, was premiered in the course of the enterprising Chester Festival.

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up to the moment when he broke down on the garden bench. Throughout the series he has hardly been able to speak - you could boil an egg in the pauses between his words - but then he will begin to talk very, very quickly, cramming so many words into such a small space that the other characters relapse into stunned silence.

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Theatre Sher's dazzling villainy

Pride and obstinacy evidently ruin in Orgon's family, and the production powerfully underscores the main plot with the early squabble between foolishly estranged lovers hauled back together by Stephanie Fayerman's masterfully funny Dorine.

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John Percival

Novelties and a small anthology of Satie's short pieces accompanied choreography by Janet Soares - all much more interesting to listen to than to watch.

The one work where music and movement came rewardingly together was, Contra Dances, with choreography by Remy Charlip to Beethoven's Cootredances. This is one of Charlip's "Air Mail Dances" devised (with the aid of two spoons of thread, according to the programme note) in the form of diagrams and brief instructions drawn and written on two sheets of paper.

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Hilary Finch

The work has not been staged in Britain for more than a century, and it is something of a pity that first-time audiences much of its quintessentially Gallic nonchalance and evanescent charm are inevitably smothered in a production whose whole-hearted joie-de-vivre overleaves brings it back credibly and creditably to the repertoire.

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"I found that my colleagues in the criminal justice system were ready to be interested," he said. "The resistance came from the medical establishment. I suggested to them, over and over again that our science was too immature at this time to make judgments about whether or not our approach was scientifically valid..."

His argument was successful, and today Schauss is increasingly consulted by those dealing with young offenders. He has orchestrated research programmes, lectured worldwide, and has trained thousands of social workers to initiate and carry out similar programmes.

additives. By 1975 one of the judges was already instructing defendants: "Mrs Reed is going to put you on a diet, and you will stay on it or you will go to jail because you will be back in trouble if you go off it".

Among those impressed by her testimony were the directors of the US Naval Correctional Centre in Seattle, who decided to cross off white sugar and white flour from the menu...

The study involved 276 chronic young offenders aged between 12 and 18 living in a Virginia correction centre. Only a few of the staff, and none of the subjects knew that they were acting as guinea pigs...

The results were startling. The number of well-behaved juveniles jumped by 71 per cent, the number of chronic offenders went down by 50 per cent, and the incidence of anti-social behaviour fell by an average of 47 per cent.

And the evidence is finally beginning to impress. Under Alexander Schauss's direction, the Institute for Biosocial Research launched 95 programmes in the USA and elsewhere...

"It has taken 13 years to set it all up," Schauss says, "and we're unwilling to hand it over as a complete technological package complete with all the information, unless we feel it's going to be handled properly..."

Schauss, however, is careful to emphasize the limitations of his work. "I don't know anyone here who regards diet as a panacea, and certainly nobody here believes that crime is caused by poor diet..."

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moreover... Miles Kington. Full of Eastern promise. You don't really notice slow drivers in cities, because everyone has to drive slowly in cities...

And as you're driving with death in your mind, like a poker player with a bad hand and an urge to stake more money on it, you find yourself looking at the back of the slow driver's head...

Occasionally the slow driver will slow down, if that were possible, to wave at a passing pedestrian, sometimes a pedestrian who is actually overtaking him...

I say East Anglia, because these reflections came to me last week on a drive from Southwold to Kings Lynn. Another reflection which came to me is that there are no roads leading from Southwold to Kings Lynn, only roads leading somewhere else...

Jet, Total, Fina and BP may dominate the A roads, like the Soviet forces in Afghanistan, but once into the back lanes you find the guerrilla petrols taking over...

And the third discovery is that the staple crop of East Anglia is not corn, mustard or broad beans; it is festivals. No town is too small, no church too crumbly, to house a festival...

1. Top festivals, with a top string quartet. 2. Rising festivals, with a string quartet which is going to be very famous very soon, even though it is now quite unknown.

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Taking a new approach

The research of historians gives a twist to the word "findings". There are, of course, discoveries in the traditional sense of the word...

Historians like Professor Roderick Floud of Birkbeck College, University of London, are involved in a group research project using complementary skills of economists, biologists, statisticians and computer tech-

nology to assess the evidence of young people's height as an indicator of changes in nutrition, health and welfare of the population of Britain over the past 200 years.

The results of this research will provide a means of analysing the possible causes and consequences of improvements in the standard of living - for example a healthy population is a more productive one...

Historians, like scientists or crime writers, need to isolate their subjects for study. A "total institution", a term coined by Erving Goffman, means all forms of institutions in which the authorities seek a "total" regulation of the inmates' lives...

Asylums, was on American mental hospitals, but the term has subsequently been extended to cover prisons, reformatories, monasteries, convents, schools, even the servants' quarters of country houses or merchant ships.

This year's Social History Conference took total institutions as its theme and, partly influenced by the work of Michel Foucault, a spate of books on prisons and workhouses has appeared in the past couple of years.

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FINDINGS

A series reporting on research HISTORIOGRAPHY

Scots myth

Scotland fights back! For far too long, some of the younger Scottish historians think, Scotland has been regarded as the poor relation of England, its history judged by English standards...



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question", and a Scottish historian's view of James as "a man of very remarkable political ability and sagacity in deciding on policy and of conspicuous tenacity in having it carried out..."

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In Britain this has proved particularly fruitful for some historians of the Ancient World. According to Keith Hopkins, of Brunel University, a classicist turned sociologist, this is because there is little data about the Ancient World that allows for a plasticity of interpretation that is not permitted in quite the same way to historians of later periods, hedged around as they are by the oppressive majesty of facts and figures.

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Solid theory. In the heady days of the 1960s when ideology was (just) king, historians had a penchant for new theories, and the study of history was continually tapping social and political structures for evidence of instability. Now, in these sober and pragmatic times, the stability and continuity of institutions commands more interest. A good example of this approach is the recent work done on the origins of the Civil War by such historians as Conrad Russell, Kevin Sharpe and John Morrill.

This has rejected the idea of the inevitable collapse of a medieval state, when faced with the political fervour of a population increased by royal

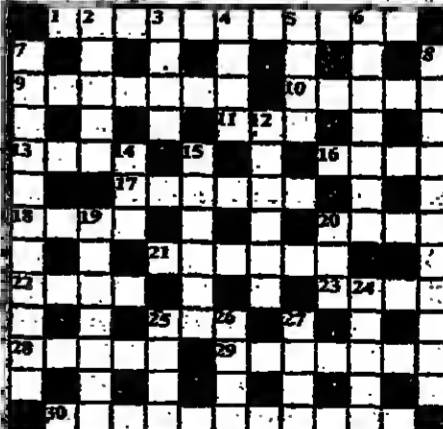
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MODERN TIMES



A sideways look at the British way of life

Here's what Lytton Strachey, the naughty girl, was doing in the National Gallery in June 1930. There was a black-haired tart marching around in india-rubber boots, and longing to be picked up. We both lingered in the strangest manner in front of various masterpieces - wandering from room to room. Then on looking round I perceived a more attractive tart - fair-haired this time - a pink face and plenty of vitality. So I transferred my attentions, and began to move in his direction when on looking more closely I observed that it was the Prince of Wales - no doubt at all - a custodian bowing and scraping, and Philip Sassoon also in attendance...

There must be hundreds of equally juicy anecdotes told in the privacy of museum staff-rooms where the attendants put their feet up for a few minutes' tea-break. But museum attendants are frustratingly discreet: they take a pride in their good relations with the public, and are ever alert to any breach in that vast amorphous abstract security.

On duty, they talk to each other like people at a grand cocktail party, constantly glancing over each other's shoulders to see if somebody more important has come in. In the National Gallery, they are provided with chairs, and are required to wear ties, not many hats. In the Natural History Museum, no chairs or ties, all hanted. In the V&A, hats on, ties off (but in the pocket in case the chief warder changes his mind), and very uncomfortable-looking high stools.

The uniform of many attendants also displays a short-length of chrome-plated chain, on the end of which is a whistle. This jailer image was emphasized as I watched an attendant with a longer bit of chain than usual, patrolling a room full of musical instruments. Every now and then he

peered suspiciously into one of the cases, as if to make sure that the sixteenth-century zither imprisoned there was not going to make a desperate bid for freedom.

He was probably just reading the labels. Unless the museum is very small, an attendant cannot relax if there are no visitors. He can't sit down and read a book. The rooms they work in can be very warm in summer, and bitterly cold in winter. "You can't help but learn", I was told. "Often there's nothing to do but walk up and down and look at the exhibits."

This is why most museum attendants are far more knowledgeable than one might expect, and not just from reading labels. In some museums the staff have access to the director's library during night shifts, and are encouraged to dip into its contents.

Where the staff are members of a union, they like new arrivals to join - usually the TGWU, or sometimes the Civil Service Union. They do not talk much about union business. Security again. With some of the nutters around nowadays, you can't be too careful.

There was a time when security was not so tight,

and nutters were more benign. A lady came to a National Trust property, armed with a pair of bicycle handlebars. The attendants could not persuade her to part with them, since she said she had been threatened by a man in the garden. She got quieter as she entered a long windowless corridor, until she came to a large painting of a male nude. "That's him!" she shrieked, and shot off down the passage.

Being a museum attendant is not a glamorous job but those who do it have a quiet, protective affection both for their museums and the public - even the bossy ones, who yell "Don't touch please!" with all the relish of a pantomime drill sergeant. In Palm Beach, Florida, however, to be an attendant at the newly-opened Henry Flangier Museum carries an enormous social cachet. Their job applications file reads like the Palm Beach social register, and there are 16 Rolls-Royces in the staff car-park.

George Bonilla, a V & A warder, laughed. "It's not like that here," he said. "Even the director comes to work in an old Ford."

Artemis Cooper

Penny Perrick

Do come back, Mr Horton

Earlier this year Mr James B. Horton, president and publisher of Working Woman, one of the fastest-growing magazines in America, came to London to see if there was a market for his journal. Pretty soon he decided that there wasn't. For Britain, it seemed to him, is very short of women "who regard careers as exciting, glamorous and sexy". If Mr Horton had stayed longer he would have been disillusioned further by the British way of life since he would have discovered that, over here, merdoo' regard careers as exciting, glamorous or sexy either. In fact, those adjectives are hardly ever used except to advertise the kind of black chiffon nightdress that meo buy their wives every Christmas Eve and which their wives then return to the store every Boxing Day.

Expecting a day at the office to produce the same glow as a candlelit dinner with Robert Redford is asking altogether too much of any working life. On the other hand a career can be interesting, fulfilling and a satisfactory method of paying the rent, something which women are discovering for themselves, as the increasing number of female graduates moving into finance, law, marketing and other potentially high-powered areas shows. All these working women might have bought a magazine like Working Woman with its brisk articles on negotiating a reasonable salary and what goes on at board meetings had Mr Horton given them the chance.

Audrey Slaughter, the creator of Honey and Over 21, would like to launch a new magazine for women who work, but she is finding it tough going. Ooe financier she approached thought women wouldn't like to be seen carrying around That Sort of Thing, as though she were proposing a ruder version of Playboy.

Perhaps he read more into the suggested features on working wardrobes and tax allowances than were apparent to the more innocent eye. Or it could be that he thought the women might be ashamed to have, tucked under their arm something that smacks so heartily of Getting On.

Here he is on stronger ground because I know a woman publisher who feels on end of a show-off when carrying a briefcase, although no other kind of reticule is as handy for housing her reports and manuscripts and lunchtime sandwich.

Happy accident

By and large, whether male or female, we are out of a nation of careerists. When we call someone ambitious we certainly don't mean it as a compliment, which is why people go to great lengths to prove that it was only by happy accident that they found room at the top. "I just happened to meet this bloke who asked me had I ever thought of running a multinational construction company"... "My dad bought me an old typewriter and suddenly Martin Scorsese put in a bid for the film rights."

It is not considered mannerly to ask someone you've just been introduced to what they do for a living, even if their glossy pin-stripes and cared-for fingernails suggest they have nothing to hide.

Although they may have discovered a cure for diabetes or redesigned half of Birmingham, they insist you wouldn't be interested in hearing about their job and then proceed to bore you with stories about their recent sailing holiday. Probably, were a visiting Martian to ask Mrs Thatcher her line of business, she would lower her eyes modestly, mutter something about dabbling in politics and then give him her recipe for Chicken Tourniquette.

It is this low-key attitude towards work which has given people like Mr Horton pause. If Mr Mansfield, managing director of the National Magazine Company, is always searching for new publishing ideas and thought that even though two out of three women in Great Britain have jobs, the whole area of women and careers is muddled. "The dilemma when it comes down to it is that it's so difficult to translate in magazine terms." This may be true, but so is the undeniable fact that a whole generation of women is growing up with a creeping awareness that come rain or shine, come husband or come children, they will probably have to go on working for most of their adult lives and will need some information on how best to do this. Since existing magazines largely ignore this fact of life, they could do with some specialized attention.

"Women and elephants never forget", wrote Dorothy Parker in her poem, "Ballade of Unfortunate Mammals". Even more unfortunate, although she didn't write a poem about it, is that men never remember and are therefore doomed to be forever smiting their foreheads and cursing over a forgotten lunch appointment, business meeting or because they have let their Cornish cottage to one family having previously promised it to another for the selfsame fortnight.

There is no proven cure for lack of memory although a course of ginseng tablets is meant to help. I am doubtful that this is the case, since one man, in mid-course, looked at the two capsules in the palm of his hand, scratched his head and asked: "What am I supposed to be taking these for?"

Artemis Cooper



Eye-baller Olive Vincent (below) Museum Investigator for 12 years. The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

I'd rather have the Canaletto in my own home, but Uccello's Hunt in the Forest is the most treasured painting here. We had a telephone call about three years ago from someone who threatened to vandalize it, because he didn't approve of blood sports. I once heard a guide describing the artist's technique - she said, "It's just like darnin' a sock." What a thing to say! There was a Russian party in that day - they take their culture very serious-

ly. I remember thinking, I do hope she's not talking to them. People dislike being watched. There was one in particular - soon after I started here, I was keeping an eye on him because I kept hearing rustling paper, as if he were unpacking a picnic. He insisted I call the keeper, and told him he bitterly resented it. The keeper explained that I was just doing my job. There's a man who always comes in when he's in Oxford, and over falls to say bello to 'his ladies', as he calls us. And there's a departmental manager from Debenham's, who comes in at Christmas to see the Flight into Egypt by Joos de Momper.



Forest ranger Jack Gould (above) Attendant for 10 years at Nottingham Castle.

I shouldn't like to have lived here. Too cold. But there's always somebody visiting the Castle, whatever the weather. It's always an outing if you've got people staying, and in the summer it gets very crowded.

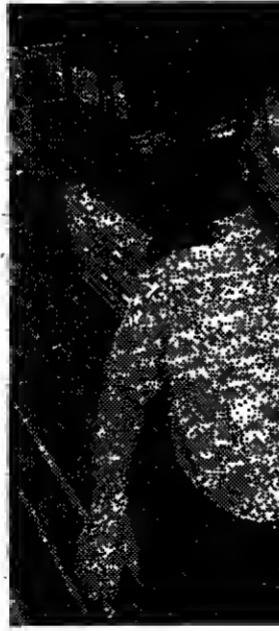
People come into the grounds to sunbathe, and into the museum - which is free - to cool off. One of the most popular paintings in our gallery is called Love's Oracle. "Ooh it's beautiful; do you have a print of it?" - It costs them 70p for the print, then probably a tenner to get it framed. You must always be calm and civil in this job, but the longer you're standing here, the more the silly questions try your patience. If you're standing two feet from the tea room, with your elbow practically in the teapot, someone is bound to come up and ask the way to the cafeteria. And of course Robin Hood's on all the time. "Which part of the castle did Robin Hood live in? Where can we see his bows and arrows?" But the most common question is the way to the ladies' lavatory. You'd be surprised how many different ways there are of saying that...

Horror comic John Webb (above) Senior Attendant, Madame Tussaud's. Has been a member of the exhibition staff for 13 years.

People enjoy taking photographs of each other as JK's girlfriend, or as a Cabinet Minister - but looking after people is as much as part of the job as

keeping an eye on them. Children get lost, and in The Battle of Trafalgar, they sometimes need reassuring. It's so realistic, I was once asked what happened to the cannon balls. I said as a joke that they usually landed in the Polytechnic over the road, and two attendants went round picking them up in the evening. People hesitate before going into the Chamber of Horrors: they stand on the stairs next to Hitler, and argue about who's going to go in. They

don't know what to expect, so the Newgate Bell tolling as they enter really makes them jump. I must say, it makes me jump sometimes. Near the lift is a wax figure of our last Senior Attendant. The girls kiss him - you see lipstick on his bald head. There's immortality for you! The staff are always getting prodded, to see if they're real or not. No, I don't mind, you get used to it. But I have to warn the new attendants that it often happens.



Machine minder James Pearce (above) Security Assistant for 15 years at the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry.

One room is full of machines, activated by buttons. It's called the Science Section, but the children call it the button room. It doesn't matter what the machines do - they just like pressing the buttons. Sometimes we have to rope off a room for lack of staff - like the bicycle room. Then a man came up to me, and said - "My friend has come all the way from Australia to see those bicycles. Poor fellow, I thought, if that's

all he's come all that way for. The public can be demanding - some come in 15 minutes before closing time, wanting to see everything, and some expect you to look after their children and shopping while they look round. When people are appreciative, you notice it. Like old people who come in to see the machines they used to work on, or a group of handicapped people who were so grateful, they all shook my hand. This job is made by the people, though - it's they who make it alive, and keep your enthusiasm going. When they go, the museum goes. Then it's just rooms full of old machinery.



Touch judge George Bonilla (above) Museum Warder for 16 years at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Most of the public are very pleasant, although they tend to ask for things that aren't here - like Magna Carta, or the Elgin Marbles. They don't mind their bags being searched - some of them

ask for a body-search too. Not all are so well-behaved. I found some young boys smoking in the Music Gallery - in fact I once found a vicar smoking there. He said there weren't any No Smoking signs. Then there are the compulsive touchers - they like opening drawers and cupboards. During the Fabergé exhibition, an elderly man with a young lady offered me £10 to let him past the queue. "Haven't you got a price

like everyone else? "he said. Lots of people were trying to queue-dodge by saying they knew the Director - the Director never dreamed he had so many friends. Or else they were friends of Bing Crosby, whose binoculars were in the exhibition. There's a 24-hour patrol in the museum, so I'm often on night-shift. There's supposed to be a ghost in the basement - of Warder Clench, who committed suicide there at the turn of the century.

FLAVIA CORKSCREW'S GOOD FOOD GUIDE. FLAVIA IS INSPECTING TEA AT THE SMART WANTS HOTEL. Our food is less beautifully decorated than that there. It's a live in our Arts Council Grant.

Our cucumber sandwiches now have to be twice as thin, and my nerves are already in shreds...

Look at the trifles! I've had to slash the hundreds-and-thousands by approx. 1%!

Smoked salmon sandwiches! - A proud tradition - yet now we use bread made with skimpy 98.6% wholemeal flour!

Yes you can still afford to make little meringue baskets for the petits-fours...

Yes, but I get it on the National Health: it's Therapy.

THE TIMES DIARY

Bolshy

The Government and the Greater London Council are set to dance an intricate pas de deux over a projected Bolshoi Ballet visit to London next year...

Literary Lady

As Harold Wilson becomes a peer, his wife becomes a judge. She joins the panel for the H. H. Wingate Prize...

Royal double

This year's Conservation Yearbook, the annual report of the Conservation Foundation, is to be published soon with a kind of double 'royal warrant'...

Ale and farewell

What is happening to London's pubs? It reminds me of the blitz of the Sixties and early Seventies, when not even the most venerable local was safe from trendy interior designers...

BARRY FANTONI



'Things must be bad, amigo. I think I just saw Max Hastings'

Voices off

So many Americans post taped messages to President Reagan at the White House that an office of chief tape reviewer to the President has been created...

British Birds magazine has officially closed its correspondence on the derivation of the word 'twit'...

Lebanon: is anarchy the aim?

Robert Fisk in Beirut explains why the mutual slaughter of Druze and Christian could serve the interests of both Syria and the Israelis



Treatment for a wounded Christian released by the Druze in a recent prisoner exchange.

The young officers of C Squadron, the 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards, stood by the low roof parapet of the British headquarters outside Beirut...

This dreadful spectacle is now being watched with ever increasing attention by all the armies in Lebanon: by the Lebanese who will have to enter the mountains...

Now, for the 400,000 people who live in these 200 square miles of mountains and valleys, life has become a nightmare...

All these incidents are occurring in an area which - as the maps issued to the press by the Israeli army - falls under Israeli control...

Why, for example are the Israelis permitting Syrian 122mm guns to pass through their lines and reach the Druze? The Lebanese are wondering whether Israel now wants to abandon the Phalange and compete with Syria to set up a Druze mini-state...

Even without the Chouf, however, there is likely to be no respite for Israel. Like the Syrians, Israel has armed Lebanese gangsters in her area of occupation...

Israeli patrol drove past without even asking the gunmen who they were. The Israelis talk daily about the need to stamp out terrorists...

The argument contains a curious irony since the Syrians certainly do want the anarchy to go on. If Mr Gemayel's government fails in its duties and collapses, America's credibility will collapse with it...

In the end, both Israel and Syria will probably conclude that their military adventures in Lebanon have brought them nothing but grief. Syria may appear to have the advantage at the moment...

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Show me that nuclear woe

Not long ago, I drew pointed attention to a great lie that provides much of the foundation for the organized advocacy of unilateral nuclear disarmament by the West...

door. The shadow cast by the bomb is so dark and sinister that it disturbs the mind, paralyses the will, deadens the feelings and leads inevitably to aimlessness...

(The Aldermaston March, in the old days, was a wonderful bank holiday outing for the participants, with nothing to be seen but happy faces and nothing to be heard from the winding column but merriment and music.)

As for Mr E. P. Thompson, he has made an entire new life, clearly stimulating and enjoyable, out of urging military weapons upon the West: if all the world's nuclear weapons were to vanish overnight...

Obviously, those whose trade is persuading Britain to disarm have an interest in trying to make our flesh creep, and a further interest in maintaining that our flesh actually is creeping. The dangers and horrors of nuclear war, however, are just as plain to me as they are to the members of CND...

Of course, CND would reply that that is only natural, since I would eagerly welcome a nuclear holocaust. I am a callous and bloodthirsty brute and partly because I have been supplied by the authorities with a lavishly-equipped bomb proof shelter...

Camping at Greenham Common may not be your idea of fun, and it certainly is not mine, but it plainly suits the campers down to the ground, even when the ground is muddy; the whole enterprise is symbolized and summed up by the lady who left the family for a weekend under canvas with the girls...

Anne Sofer An old-fashioned marriage for Couple of the Month

I have developed a theory about political commentators and it is called the Theory of Wrong Advice. It is distinguishable from the Socialist Theory of the Media Conspiracy in that it promotes the idea that political commentators invariably give wrong advice to an elected government...

For the SDP, the advice - only days after the party was founded - was to cut out all the promotion and razzmatazz and get down to detailed policy making (a bad error of timing in retrospect). Now we are being told to jettison serious policy making and sort out our relationship with the Liberals...

However, it looks as if the wrong advice will be needed, after all. The outside world has developed a keen interest in what is going on between us. We have become Couple of the Month and, like all politicians eager for the limelight, we are playing up to it...

All local groups in both parties are holding meetings and submitting views on the issue. We had our last week. It was an excellent debate, but my heart went out to the member who said at the end: 'I came to this meeting with a completely open mind and nobody yet has said anything to change it.'

Gerald Kaufman Tory torpedos for shipbuilding

Not long ago, Britannia still ruled the waves. As recently as 1962, we were the world's leading shipbuilder. That has changed drastically. Last year Britain was down to a demeaning ninth place internationally...

Shipbuilding in this country has suffered a painful trauma. In the past six years the world's leading shipbuilders have received £780m in aid from the Treasury. When the latest massive loss was reported last week by British Shipbuilders, the reaction of the Department of Trade and Industry was to promise yet more money...

That we still need ships is incontrovertible. Even today we possess the sixth largest merchant fleet in the world, with most of those countries apparently ahead of us - such as Liberia and Panama - sheltering under flags of convenience and of course we remain an important naval power...

Our merchant shipowners seem to feel the necessity for a domestic shipbuilding capacity much less keenly. While recently Belgian owners have ordered 94.4 per cent of their own yards, the French 91.8 per cent and Italians 99.4 per cent, it is lamentable that British owners have seen fit to obtain only 47 per cent of their needs from their own country...

quarters: on the one hand 'This liaison must be regularized' and on the other 'You're young yet! Don't make up your mind too quickly!'

Political allegiance probably has more to do with self-image than it has to do with policies. Why else did not more worthy members of the Labour Party join us when they agreed with every sentence of the Limehouse Declaration? Liberals see their party as the natural home of the radical tradition, the dignity of the individual and of community politics...

But it would be foolish to disparage self-image. Probably the relationship most of us would like to emulate is the sort of contemporary marriage where both partners keep their own surnames, jobs and bank accounts, but are none the less in both a formal and an emotional sense committed to each other.

There should be no doubt as to what the business is. In that sense, it should be a thoroughly old-fashioned marriage. In other words, whose chief purpose is procreation. We are in the business of increasing and multiplying, and peopling the nation with the fruit of our Alliance.

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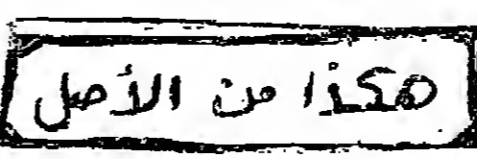
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Shipbuilding in this country has suffered a painful trauma. In the past six years the world's leading shipbuilders have received £780m in aid from the Treasury. When the latest massive loss was reported last week by British Shipbuilders, the reaction of the Department of Trade and Industry was to promise yet more money...

That we still need ships is incontrovertible. Even today we possess the sixth largest merchant fleet in the world, with most of those countries apparently ahead of us - such as Liberia and Panama - sheltering under flags of convenience and of course we remain an important naval power...

Our merchant shipowners seem to feel the necessity for a domestic shipbuilding capacity much less keenly. While recently Belgian owners have ordered 94.4 per cent of their own yards, the French 91.8 per cent and Italians 99.4 per cent, it is lamentable that British owners have seen fit to obtain only 47 per cent of their needs from their own country...



INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK USM Review

Statham hopes to score hat trick

The Stockbroking firm Statham Duff Stoop has wasted little time in celebrating the successful debut of Metal Sciences last week before announcing another two additions to the Unlisted Securities Market.

PH is split into two separate subsidiaries. Taylor Pearl Promotions and Taylor Pearl Travel, an AETA travel agent. According to Statham, PH, through its Travelcash package, is available for an off-the-shelf promotion capable of adapting to a clients' needs at short notice.

Unlisted Securities

Table with columns: Capitalisation, Company, Price last on Friday, Change on Friday, Gross Div. yield, Dividend % P/E. Lists various companies like A & I Security, Adia Jewels, Adria Leisure, etc.

American notebook

Depression over M1 grips market

The financial markets in the United States were showing signs of acute nervous exhaustion, on Friday night. Bonds had had a dismal week, as prices had been progressively reduced on the expectation of rising inflation and another bad money supply figure on Friday.

Financiering Maatschappij d'Oranjeboom BV US \$75,000,000 11 1/2 per cent. Guaranteed Bonds 1991. Allied-Lyons PLC. Includes financial details and company information.

Evode Group p.l.c. (Incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1948 No. 748589). Allotment of £3,979,248 3 per cent. Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2003/2008.

An annual growth rate band of 5-9 per cent on top of this second quarter average was to be permitted during second half of this year. But M1 is already over the top of this target range which many critics of the Federal Reserve said was far too generous a portion of money growth for an economy expanding as vigorously as the United States is at this time.

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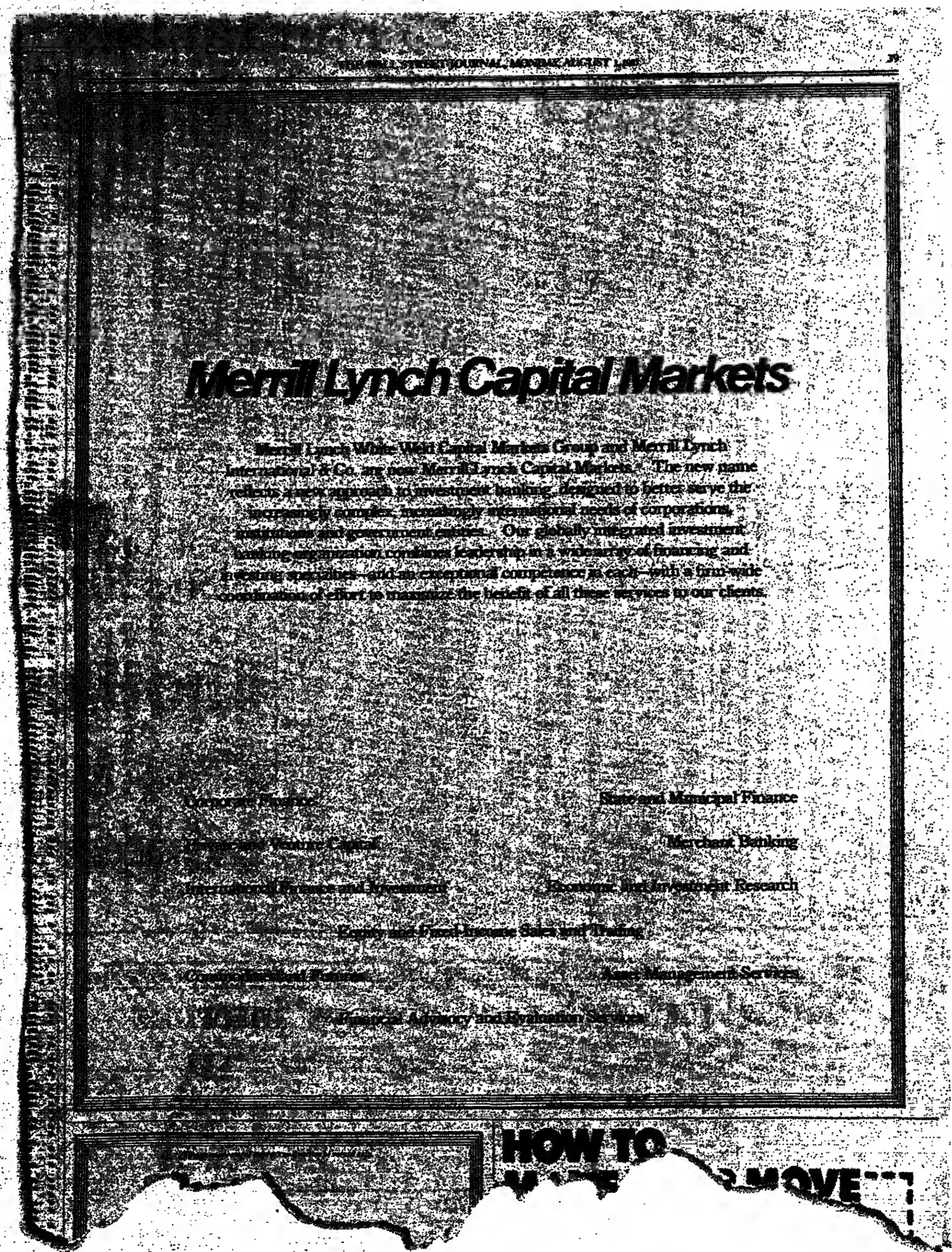
J.P. Morgan International Capital N.V. (Incorporated in the Netherlands Antilles). 11 1/2% Guaranteed Notes Due 1990 and Warrants to Purchase U.S. \$150,000,000 10 1/2% Guaranteed Notes Due 1990. Lists various banks and financial institutions.

Base Lending Rates. Table showing rates for various banks: ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Consolidated Crds, C. Hoare & Co., Lloyds Bank, Midland Bank, Nat Westminster, TSB, Williams & Glyn's.

Norwest Holst Group. A Subsidiary of Dunham Mount Limited. Another year of substantial achievement. Audited results for the year ended 31st March (Following the demerger of all non contracting interests).

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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Mixed forecasts for Barclays' interims

Barclays Bank completes the season of leading clearing bank results with half-year figures on Friday. Brokers' forecasts vary widely with pretax profits of £230m to £250m expected, against £236m last time. Of the three London clearers that have reported so far, Lloyds is the only one to announce lower pretax profits and that largely because of accounting changes.

Analysts have tended to underestimate the extent of bad debt provisions but equally, they have misjudged the extent of the improvement in underlying profits. Results from Barclays are expected to indicate that its problems in the United States have eased, but it may not be until next year that any significant recovery occurs. Friday's half-year results from Standard Telephones and Cables, STC is not the most forthcoming of companies when it comes to keeping brokers in touch on its progress. Even so, there was a surprising consensus with nearly all brokers going for pretax profits of about £40m, against £26.4m last time. STC is thought to have brought in about £10m of the profits being made on the Anzac submarine cable project during its first half. Although the contract was under way

during the comparable period, there was no profit taken. There will also be a first-time contribution of about £4m from International Aeradio, which STC purchased from British Airways in March. At the same time, STC bought some businesses from its once-American parent company, International Telephone and Telegraph, and these

may have contributed about £750,000. In the full year, STC could approach pretax profits of £100m, against £61.3m last time. Thursday also sees half-time results from vacuum cleaners and washing machines manufacturer Hoover. The restructuring and recovery of Hoover has been such a long haul that few

brokers now follow the stock closely. Nevertheless, in the last month, Hoover shares have risen strongly outperforming the index by about 10 per cent. Brokers suspect that the company has not recovered from its production problems so it may not have fully benefited from the high street boom. But second quarter profits should still cancel out the

losses of £736,000 recorded in the first quarter. In the third three months the company is expected to trade at breakeven and then resume a reasonable level of profits in the first half. Half-year results from Lorrain, Mr Roland, 'Tiny' Rowland's international trading group, are issued on Thursday. At the annual meeting, Mr Edward du Cann, deputy chairman, said the company would make more than £100m this year, against £75.1m last time. Those who follow the company are expecting it to exceed this by up to £10m, with about 40 per cent of the surplus falling in the first half.

Higher precious metal prices, lower interest rates, less competition and an outstanding performance from the Volkswagen distributorship, have combined to boost profits. Tozer Kemsley & Milbourn (Holdings), the trader and motor distributor, reports half time figures today amid growing speculation of a bid or a refinancing package. Delayed full-year results from Acrow, the earth moving equipment group, are expected on Thursday. Brokers expect losses to reach £5m.

Jeremy Warner

ECONOMIC VIEW

Interest rate worries deepen

The continuing strength of the dollar is likely to occupy pride of place this week in the attention of the financial markets, where worries over the early prospect of higher American interest rates have deepened. The British authorities, however, are likely to leave interest rates alone, especially in view of the pound's renewed strength against European currencies. Economic indicators on this week include the July unemployment figures, which will be swollen by a big influx of school-leavers. The underlying trend is also still upward though in recent months there have been signs that the pace of increase may be slackening. The

figures will, however, continue to be distorted by new schemes involving the removal of thousands of older men from the official count. The CBI's latest Industrial Trends Survey, published tomorrow, will be scrutinized for evidence that the recovery is being sustained. Other indicators released this week include the balance of payments and last year's overseas earnings of the City (today), the July official reserves (Tuesday), June advance energy statistics and housing starts (Wednesday), and final figures on motor vehicle production in June (Friday).

How to

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Second Test: nearing the end of an innings that has lasted over half a century

Only a dour Gower can stop the history-makers

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

HEADLINEY: England, with four second-innings wickets in hand, lead New Zealand by two runs. New Zealand should win the second Test match sponsored by Comhill at Headingley today and so gain their first victory over England in England...

With Edgar, plus runner, scoring an admirable tenacious 84.65 of them after he had returned from injury, and Hadlee making some more powerful blows, and Cairns pulling Edmonds twice in one for six, and Bracewell doing his stuff, New Zealand finished their first innings with a lead of 152. Only twice before, against England, have they enjoyed such an advantage as that...

England went in again on Saturday just before 2.30. Having been fortunate to survive Hadlee's splendid opening spell, Tavaré and Fowler seemed over the worst when, in successive overs, Chatfield removed them both. Fowler was caught at the wicket, which is always the likeliest way of his getting out, and Tavaré was the victim of a horrible blunder.



The stump that came up from down under, bowled Willis

in England's first innings, Randall got a ball that lifted. Witnessing all this was Gower, to whom such disasters are commonplace. He himself was playing beautifully, being never in a hurry and timing the ball as only the highly gifted can. Today, if England were to have the slightest chance of escape, it will be up to Gower.

Scoreboard at Headingley

Table with columns for England and New Zealand, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes sections for First Innings, Second Innings, and Bowlers.

Rice grows tall in the rain

When play restarted Boycott off-drove a classic four before he was bowled moving out to repeat the stroke. Stevenson contributed briefly before Blair and Athey put on 71 in five overs. White swung and smashed Blair, picked the gaps with relatively more discrimination.

Nottinghamshire, who are bottom in the table, declined the chance to go off for bad light when the umpires gave them the chance to do so in the fifth over. Rice and Birch, driving and pulling fearfully against Dennis and Ramage, took the total to 43 by the halfway stage when they were already ahead of Yorkshire's run rate.

Emburey wolf in the fold

LORDS: Middlesex (Aps) beat Warwickshire by 10 runs. Because of interruptions both during and after Middlesex's innings, Warwickshire were eventually left the modest task of making 92 to win in 18 overs. After a promising start the Warwickshire batsmen went like sheep to the slaughter, Middlesex bowing them out for 82, Emburey taking five for 36.

Middlesex pull away from their pursuers

It says much for the character of the Essex side that they can put their recent disappointments behind them, and continue to close the gap on Middlesex, the championship leaders. At the start of play on Saturday, they were a mere point in arrears.

Richards shows talent with the ball

He took six for 24 off eight accurate and intelligently varied overs and one of the six victims was his West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, whose brilliant strike-day featured at the time in swinging the match.

Somerset won the toss, invited Lancashire to bat and at once yesterday. Then the heavens opened spectacularly and the match was abandoned without another ball being bowled.

Sussex have best of the weather

Stumps with the last ball of the opening over. Nowadays Mendis straightens into a Goa-chidi posture as he prepares to meet the bowler and beats a modulated tattoo with his feet, he shifts his balance, too. But with preliminary practice he got two for seven runs was bad enough, but losing Imran to a full toss and Roberts put Leicestershire into a seemingly invincible position.

Romaines provides the thrills

Romaines struck his highest one-day score, 80 not out, including three sixes and six fours, in Gloucestershire's thrilling eight wickets victory over Hampshire with three balls to spare at Bournemouth.

EQUESTRIANISM

Schockemöhle and Deister take the gold with ease

By Jenny MacArthur

After a brilliant display of jumping over three gruelling days of competition, Paul Schockemöhle from West Germany and his 12-year-old Hanoverian Deister held on to the individual title in the European championship sponsored by Silk Cut at Hickstead yesterday. Reclaiming Munich in 1981, when Schockemöhle first won the title, Deister collected ten jumping faults throughout the three day championship.

Neither his determination nor that of his indomitable 15-year-old partner were in any doubt yesterday. Speaking afterwards, Whitaker said he had ruled out the Olympics because of his horse's age, but now he was not so sure.

MOTOR CYCLING

Double tragedy mars victory of Roberts

By Adrienne Blue

The bold and important victory of Kenny Roberts at Silverstone, the 500cc British Grand Prix was marred by a fatal crash which officious responded only tardily. Racing continued for two laps, although Norman Brown, who had been killed instantly, and Peter Huber, who died on the way to hospital and their motorcycles lay in the middle of the track in the exit to Stone Corner. It was only after the pack of riders, the massive slowed down or stopped racing, that the accident and yellow flags, indicating danger, were replaced by the red one.

Worcs v Northants

Table showing cricket scores for Worcester vs Northants, including batsmen and bowlers.

Glamorgan v Surrey

Table showing cricket scores for Glamorgan vs Surrey, including batsmen and bowlers.

Hampshire v Gloucs

Table showing cricket scores for Hampshire vs Gloucestershire, including batsmen and bowlers.

Ethel cleans up at Rochdale

The tractor which pulls the heavy roller at Dane Street, Rochdale cricket club's ground in the centre of the town, is called Ethel. How old she is no one can remember, but her "moss" engine formerly powered a Morris Minor and she is undoubtedly a link with the days of Charles Barnett and Cecil Pepper, if not Sydney Burnes, Leslie Constantine and Cecil Parkin, who all represented the club in the heyday of the Central Lancashire League.

Derbys v Kent

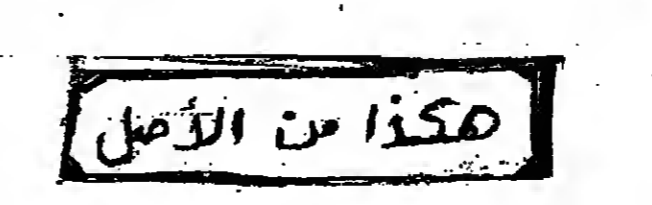
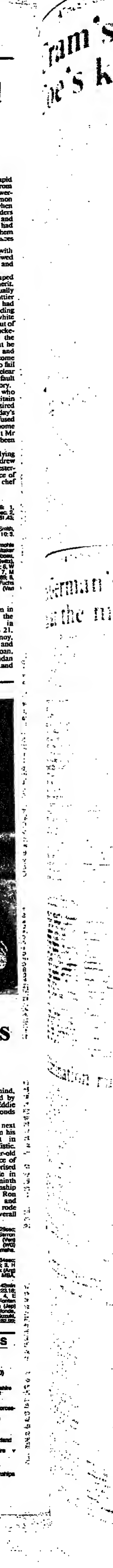
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ATHLETICS: COE STILL CANNOT FIND HIS FINISHING TOUCH

Cram's confidence leaves Coe's kick in cold storage

Steve Cram gave himself the best possible send-off to the world championships in Helsinki next week but compounded Sebastian Coe's agony by winning the 800 metres in front of his home crowd in Gateshead yesterday.

Coe, the only world record holder, could finish only fourth after promising to sprint amid their struggling down the home straight as he has done in his three 1,500-metre and one-mile defeats in the last six weeks.

strongly as he has come back to top competition this season. He forced Overt all the way down the straight to prove that the Briton is maintaining the sort of form that will keep him as one of the favourites with Cram, for the 1,500-metre title in Helsinki.

Strong words on the British record

Shirley Strong moved closer to world class with her 12.95sec win in the Women's AAA championships, sponsored by Trustee Savings Bank, at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

realize that it is the administrators of her sport who are doing the least to help British women back into world class reckoning.

Gateshead results

100 METRES: 1. R Brown (GB) 15.55sec; 2. L. Dutton (GB) 15.75sec; 3. J. G. ...



Local hero: Cram (left) beats Coe into fourth place

Mel Latany, of the United States, celebrated his late inclusion in the world championship team as a replacement for the injured Larry Shriver.

GOLF

Pavin gains a first European title

Cory Pavin resisted a strong challenge from Severino Ballesteros to record his first success in Europe when he returned a final round of 69 in the German Open, sponsored by Lufthansa, on the Cologne course yesterday.

By the end of the week American had three strokes to spare but it was touch and go until he finished with a flourish by securing a birdie at each of the last two holes.

The Spaniard was denied second place on his own by Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe, who had seven birdies in an excellent 66.

He certainly never wavered in the scorching heat as Ballesteros threw down a typical challenge. Pavin helped himself to a couple of birdies on the first four holes on the way to

YACHTING

The German's cup is full at the moment

The German team scored most points of the 15 nations competing for the Admiral's Cup series, sponsored by Champagne Mumm, at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

TENNIS

Mrs Lloyd loses title and record

Pam Shriver scored her first-ever victory over Chris Lloyd in the women's singles final of the Wimbledon Invitation tennis tournament in Sydney, 6-2, 6-4.

CYCLING

A 'downfall' for Miss Jones

Four times a national champion in the tandem sprint, Sydenham is showing solo skill for the first time, and he recorded the fastest final 200 metres time of 11.153sec, the preliminary rounds.

IN BRIEF

Scots relay teams to the rescue

Scotland's relay squads stole the limelight, and saved the day for the home country, in a six-nation athletics international at Meadowbank yesterday.

Results from Cowes Week

ROYAL THAMES VS REGATTA: Britisha Scotia (A. Henderson, B. Dwyer) 20.00; ...

Football

Brazilians to play Hamburg

The European champions, Hamburg, are to meet their South American counterparts, Gremio Porto Alegre, of Brazil, in the World Cup championship final in Tokyo. But the date has yet to be fixed.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Friday): Baltimore Orioles 4, New York Yankees 2; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Cleveland Indians 2; Oakland Athletics 4, California Angels 2; ...

HOCKEY

England put defeat in its place

England were beaten 1-0 by the touring Kenyan side on the artificial turf pitch at Bisham on Saturday. The match classified as unofficial, served as a useful exercise for England in preparation for the European championship in Amsterdam from August 18 to 28.

Elimination rules all

Newport (Rhode Island) July 30 (AFP) Australia II stretched its lead in the America's Cup elimination series on Saturday with a victory over another Australian yacht, Challenge 12, Italy's Azimut.

POLO

Harmony in the rain

Cowdrey Park started five goals up on handicap as home against the Maple Leafs in the final of the Cowdrey Park Challenge Cup yesterday, and in six chukkas, in very wet conditions, lost by nine goals to seven.

ROWING

Maidenhead (Berkshire) 2: Maidenhead (Kingston by 2, 2 min 48 sec; ...

GOLF

TULSA: US Women's Open: 216, J. M. ...

Olympic team satisfied

After enjoying perfect conditions, the British Olympic yachting team emerged from their base on Saturday with a good set of results as they could have wished for. A first by Bob White and David Campbell-Jones in the Tornados was nearly matched by last year's Soling winner, Chris Law, who led throughout from Dave Carris, of the United States.

WATER SKIING

READING: International jumping tournament: 1. S. Duvell (GB) 191.1; 2. M. Hazzwood (GB) 186.3; 3. G. Thurston (Aus) 185.0.

CANOEING

Sussex (USSR): 148.14; 3. N. Fisher, A. Morris (GB) 147.58; 4. C. G. ...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Youngsters are overwhelmed

The man of the match was the New Zealand captain, O'Brien, who opened the score in the second minute and went on to score four tries with a spectacular display of powerful running. New Zealand led 32-3 at half-time, with Britain's solitary response being a try by the prop Robert Roberts.

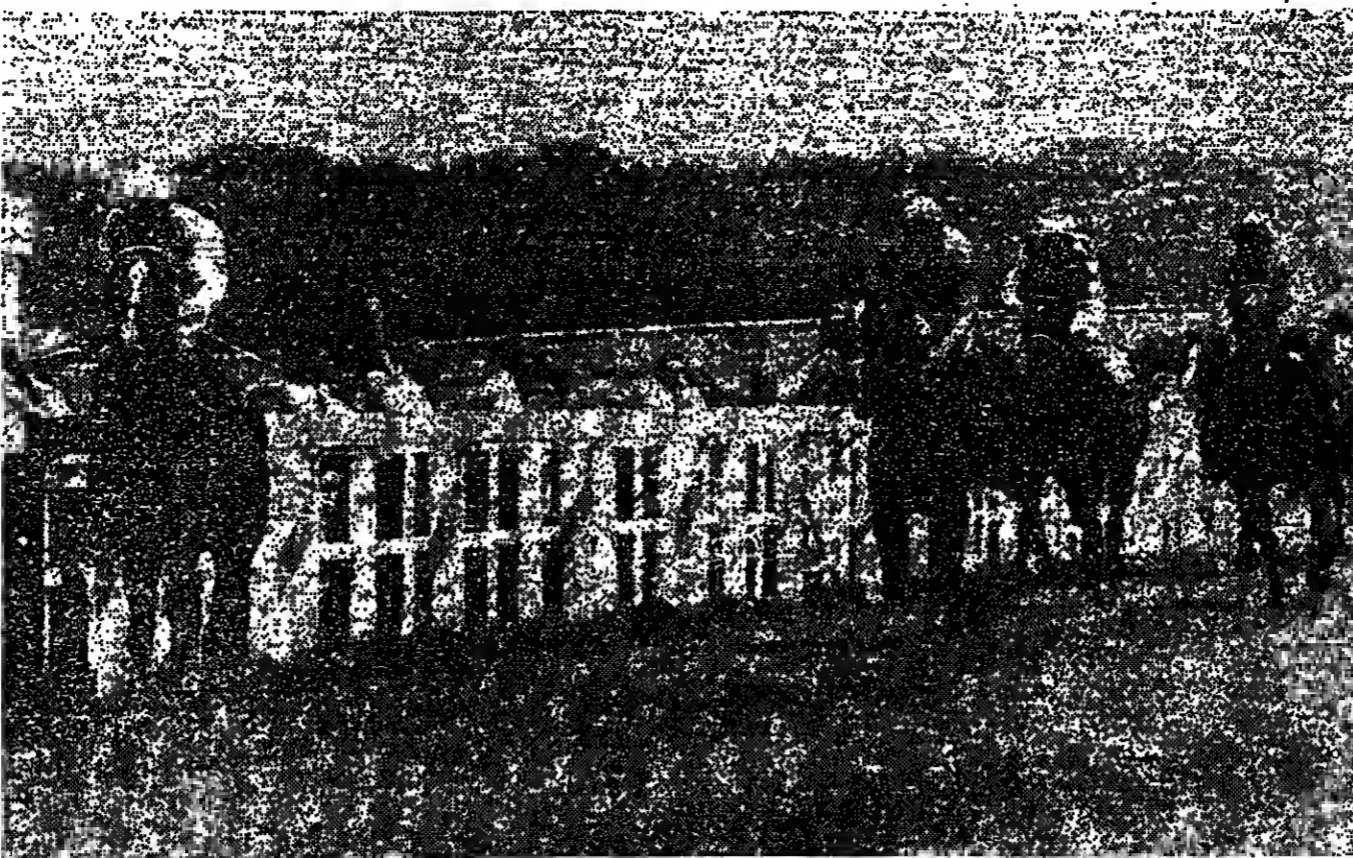
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RACING

Carson collects a ban after his bouquet

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

A bitter sweet week for Willie Carson ended at Goodwood on Saturday on a high note when he was presented with the Ritz Club Charity Trophy as leading rider at the meeting...



Hard held: Morcon and Willie Carson coast home by four lengths in the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood

house at West Wittering and go down to the beach where he draws in the sand a winning post, a horse and the name of his winner. Wm knows the next time that the major draws a picture of Morcon...

Rous Memorial Stakes an hour before another two-year-old, Milford (\$500,000) led from start to finish, under 9st 7lb, to put a stamp of class on the Lavant Nursery.

produce fast, fair ground with a good covering of grass in the midst of a dry spell that nobody complained about.

meanwhile at Newmarket Shoot Club lived up to her name when she won the Tolly Cobbold Trophy with a decisive burst of speed in the last quarter of a mile.

Grant breaks a leg at Market Rasen

The new National Hunt season started classically for the North-east rider Chris Grant, who broke his left leg in a freak accident at Market Rasen on Saturday.

'Hilldowns Lad' collided against the rails, and hit my mare as he bounced back off them. Crackerjill stumbled and I went over the top.

Following further heavy support over the weekend, Corals have cut Ahdoun to 13-2 favourite for the Turf Ebor at York later this month.

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Jenkin to reveal new council spending curbs

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent
The Government will announce today what it promises is a solution to high rates and excess council spending.

The White Paper explains how Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, calls the "primary targets" to be selected. These are the Labour city councils, including the Greater London Council, and the Inner London Education Authority.

At present, the Government can penalize high-spending councils by taking away rate support grant but since it cannot control their rates it is powerless to control spending.

Mr Jenkin will be able to decide that a council's spending is "excessive and limit any rise. The new powers will come into effect in April, 1985.

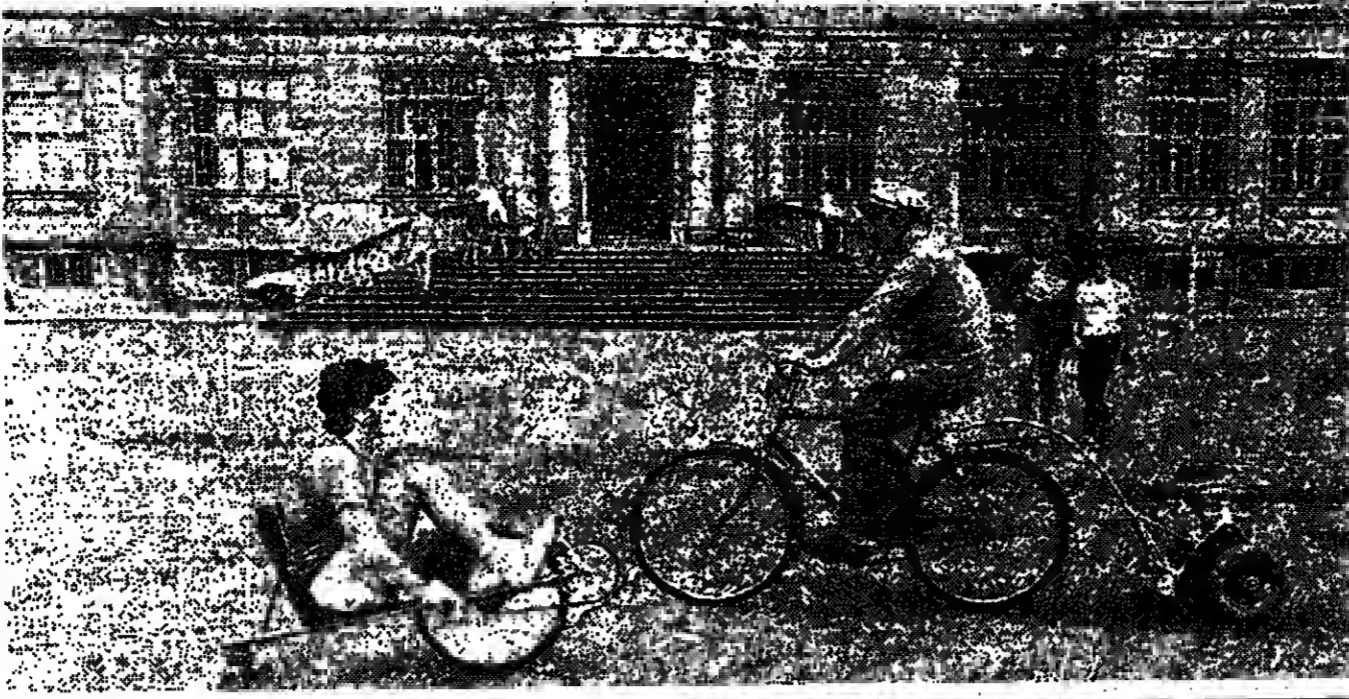
Black states bar media based in South Africa

Harare (AFP) - Foreign journalists based in South Africa will be barred - in most cases - from working in any of the six "frontline" black states that oppose South African policies on Namibia and apartheid.

In a statement after a two-day meeting at Kadoma in central Zimbabwe, the information ministers of the six states also decreed that any foreign correspondent based outside South Africa but banned from any one of the countries would automatically be banned from the others.

Attending the meeting which discussed ways of combating South African "information aggression" - seen by the black states as part of Pretoria's strategy of military and economic destabilization of its neighbours - were ministers from Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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In the top photograph Mr Lucien Hewerton of Brighton meets Basil Campbell from Surrey on his far less practical baby rocker-pusher bike.



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Bizarre bikes, barbecues and better mousetraps

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Letter from Atlanta Southern comfort for the people's prophet

All heads turned to the back of the ball and there he was, wreathed in light, the most exciting man in American politics. He strode forward as an electric organ blasted a fanfare and pretty women in Sunday best stood on chairs for a better view.

Mr Jackson was with Martin Luther King when that hero was murdered in Memphis, an event blacks call the crucifixion. Now, 42, Mr Jackson is a catalyst in the movement to get blacks registered as voters and to fight the obstacles and gerrymandering which still disfranchise many of them.

Mr Jackson is a charismatic activist and campaigner with no experience of political office. He could not get the nomination, but his point is that blacks need a revival of pride and he sees himself spearheading a movement to get more blacks into office.

Mr Jackson was in peak form, constantly bringing the 2,000 crowd to their feet. This

Weather section containing a map of the British Isles, a table of high tides, a table of around Britain weather, a table of London weather, and a table of highest and lowest temperatures.

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Today's events

The Glasgow Tram: 21 years after, Museum of Transport, 35 Albert Drive, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sun to 5; until Oct 30.

Exhibitions in progress

Scotland's heritage: printed books and learning. National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Sun 2 to 5; until Sep 30.

Music

Organ recital by Geoffrey Holmyde. Coventry Cathedral, 1.05.

Talks, lectures, films

French Furniture 1760-1800, by Jane Gardner. 11, English Furniture 1760-1800, by Elizabeth Murdoch, 12.30; The Development of Upholstery (12) by John Compton, 2.30; all at Victoria and Albert Museum.

Walks

Reverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30pm.

General

At Home in the National Gallery, the first of a series of gallery tours for 9 to 14 year-olds to introduce them to the National Gallery, (every weekday in Aug), 11.30.

Anniversaries

Birnie Jean-Baptiste 66, Lamrock, biologist, Picardy, France, 1744; William Clark, explorer, Caroline County, Virginia, 1770; Deaths: Queen Aza (reigned 1702-14), London, 1714; Robert Morrison, missionary to China, Canton, China, 1834; Slavay terminated in British possessions, 1834; Germany declared war on Russia, 1914; Lammas Day.

Nature notes

Birds are on the move again, in a free and easy way. Blackcaps come out of the woods and into the gardens; they eat both the aphids and the fruit. The first black-headed gulls are back in towns, screaming at each other on park lawns.

Heater warning

The Department of Trade and Industry has warned all caravan, boat or holiday cottage owners using a Strococo 2 LPG liquid petroleum gas heater to have it checked by the Environmental Health Department of their local authority after a number of accidents, some fatal, involving the release of carbon monoxide.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000; 105,466,717 (winner lives in Gwynedd); £50,000; 18,789,482 (West Sussex); £25,000; 3,245,535 (Sussex).

The pound

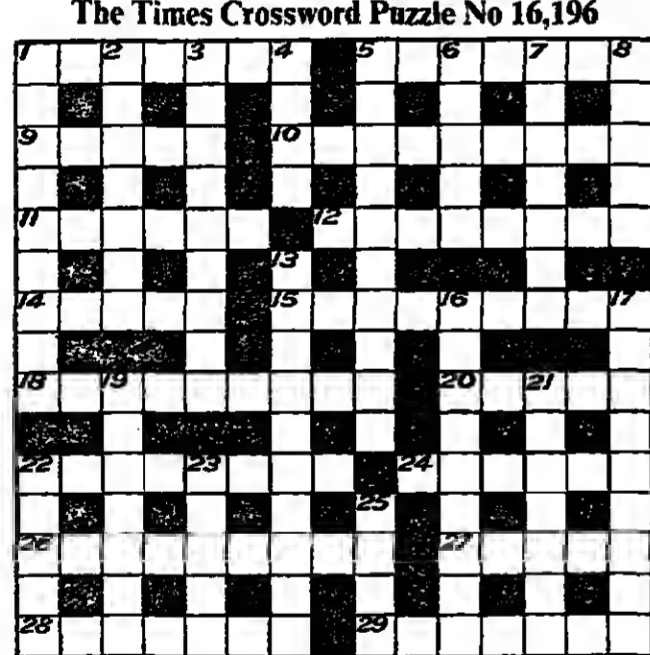
Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia.

Lighting-up time

London 9.20 pm to 4.55 am; Bristol 9.25 pm to 5.05 am; Birmingham 9.51 pm to 4.45 am; Manchester 9.30 pm to 4.55 am; Newcastle 9.25 pm to 4.51 am.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest dry temp: Hastings, 91.0 (94.7); lowest dry temp: Okehampton, 50.0 (52.0); highest rain: Manchester, 47.9; highest snow: Lynton, 72.8.



- ACROSS: 1. Anatole's girl? (7); 2. Student chafed dressed but confused (7); 9. Mexican native sounds like a sleuth (5); 10. Box with money produced by singer (5); 11. Poison supplied by copper - unusual (6); 12. One unruly son best becoming overbearing (8); 14. Counts with some Bedouin dialects (5); 15. Trains focus, including ATC formation (9); 18. Perhaps uncle's job is to reveal the fortification (9); 20. The way the cowpuncher hits (5); 22. Fodder plant provided by inn - is of a peculiar type (8); 24. Understand proverb that differs children (6); 26. Girl we hear has occupation making such oracular books (9); 27. Distribute a good many - about 50 (5); 28. Base supplies inside information (5); 29. Perhaps he fancies being in retirement (7).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,195 will appear next Saturday

Weather

A thundery depression over Holland will move NE towards Denmark, and a cooler unstable NW airstream will cover the British Isles.

6 am to midnight: London, SE England, East Angles: cloudy, some rain at first, becoming misty, dry, sunny intervals; wind N fresh at first, backing NW, light or moderate; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

Wales, W. W. Wales, SW England, SE Ireland: mainly dry, sunny periods, wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

Central Highlands, NW Highlands, NW Scotland, W. W. Wales, SW England, SE Ireland: mainly dry, sunny periods, wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 19C (66F).

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The papers: The Sunday Times reopened the coronial punishment debate. Under the heading "forward to the case pending," it said it gave the impression of teachers appearing to teach exactly what they ought not to teach: that problems are settled by violence.

The Observer agreed, saying "Britain's children are to remain the only group of people in Europe who can be assaulted with impunity. There is some evidence that it does harm, both physically and psychologically, and that it sours relations between teachers and pupils."

The Sunday Telegraph claimed that the Penitents-by-election showed that it would be dangerous for the Conservatives, watching the Labour Party absorbed in its own endless predicament, in lapse into a sort of unreflective ease.

It now seems likely that Labour's left will capture both the leadership and deputy leadership of the party says the Daily Express. "So the whole gainst opinion within the party will be reflected..." from the Daily Left in the form of Mr Kinnock in the Official Ravine Loony Left of Mr Mearns.

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